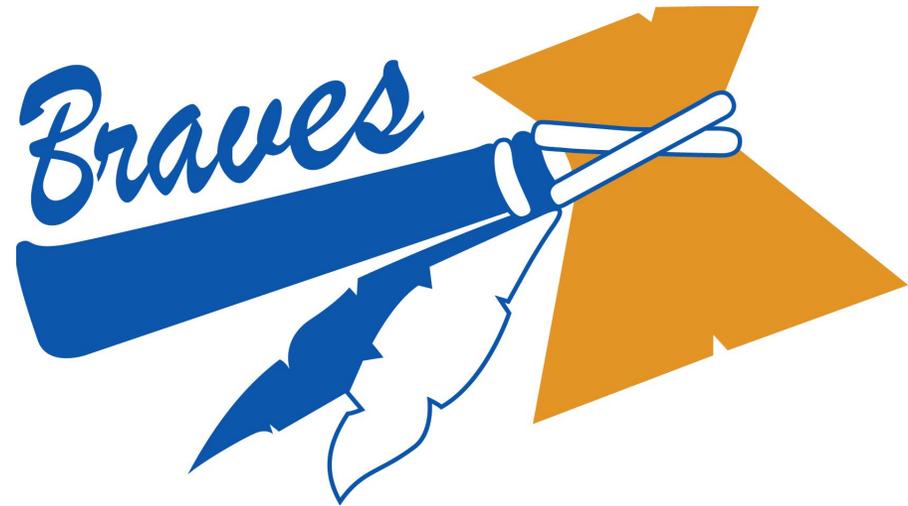


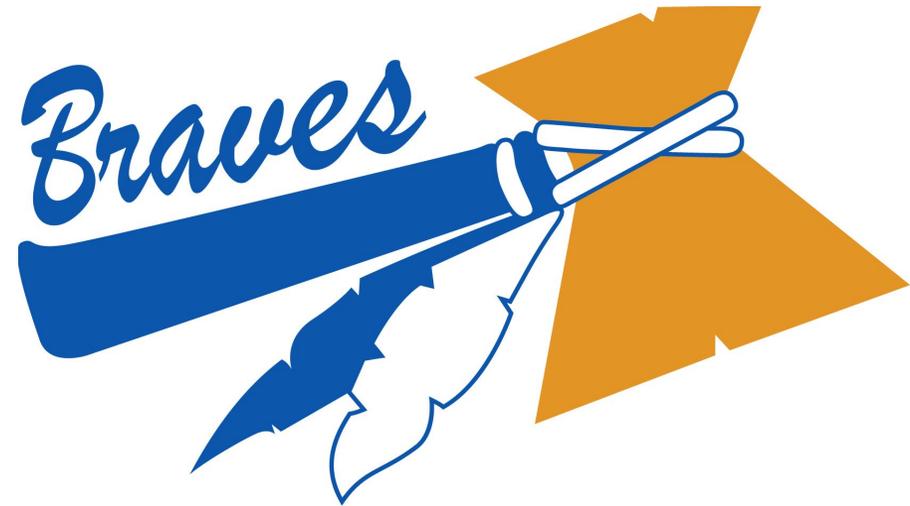
2026 Information Meeting



Communication from the Braves

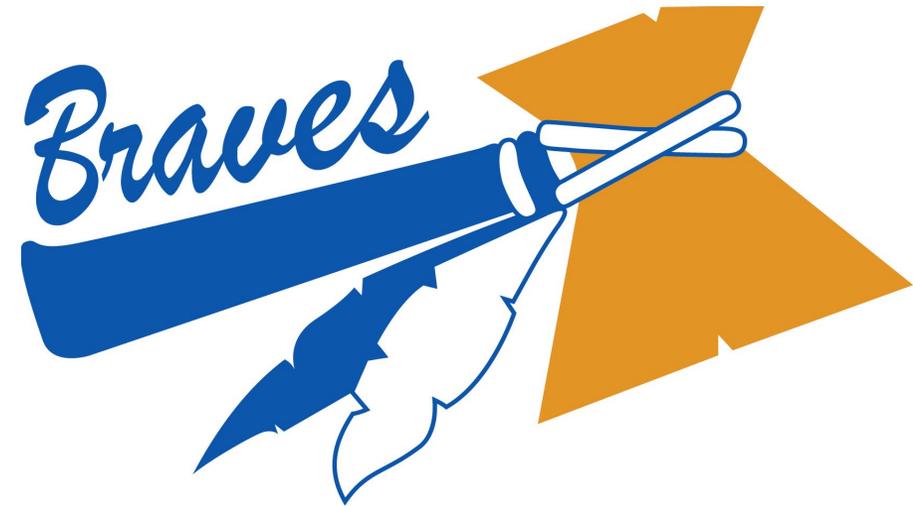
Remind App

- Text the following message to 81010:
 - 8th grade: @heg8a9b
 - 7th grade: @4h479b
 - 6th grade: @e2bgak7
 - 5th grade: @b87kkg3



Braves General Information

- 43rd season
 - Established 1983
 - 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Braves Leadership
 - Tom Karthausser
 - Mike Gnewuch, MHS Head Football Coach
 - Adam Kreger, AAYFL Liasion
 - Dave Adams, Equipment
 - Shane Herbig, Treasurer
 - Martin Pepe, Coaches & Medical Trainers
 - Rusty Schoolcraft, Game Day Site Manager
 - Anthony Cox, TBD
 - Andy Jaskulski, TBD



Mukwonago Football – State of the Union

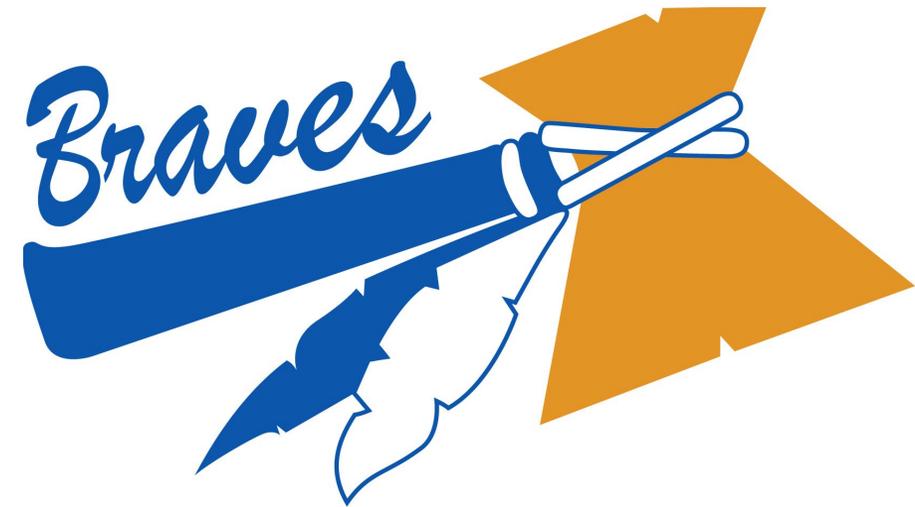
Season	Varsity	JV	Notes
2018	6 – 5	7-2	Playoff qualifier
2019	8 – 3	8-1	Playoff qualifier
2020	7 – 2	5-2	Playoff qualifier
2021	11 – 2	8-1	State semi-finalist
2022	12 – 2	9-0	State finalist
2023	6 – 4	7-2	Playoff qualifier
2024	10 – 3	7-2	State semi-finalist
2025	7 – 4	7-2	Playoff qualifier
Total	67 – 25	58-12	77% winning percentage

Mukwonago Football – State of the Union New Conference Alignment

Classic 8	Greater Metro
Arrowhead	Brookfield Central
Franklin	Brookfield East
Kettle Moraine	Germantown
Mukwonago	Milwaukee Marquette
Muskego	Sussex Hamilton
Oconomowoc	Waukesha Catholic Memorial
Mandatory Two Game Crossover Seven Conference Games	

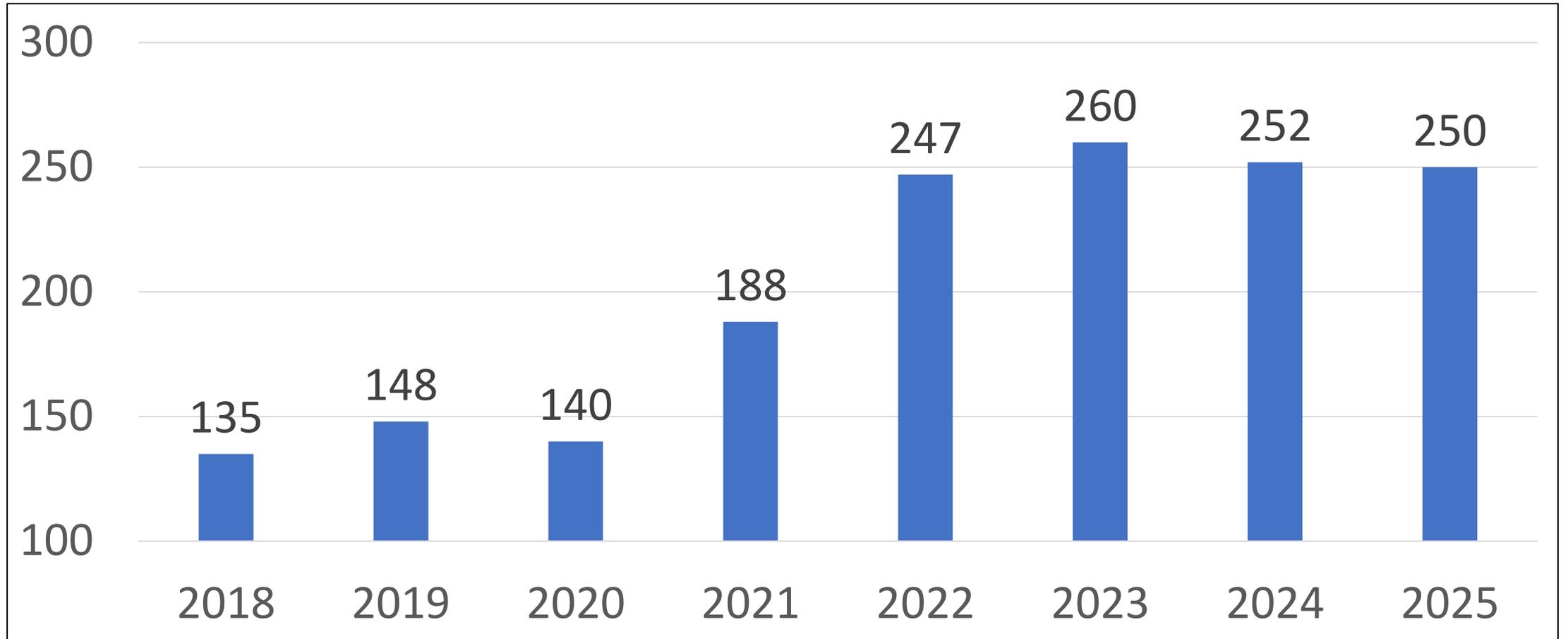
Mukwonago Football – State of the Union New Conference Alignment

Date	Opponent
August 20	@ Appleton North
August 28	@ Lake Geneva Badger
September 4	@ Brookfield East
September 11	vs. Germantown
September 18	vs. Franklin
September 25	@ Kettle Moraine
October 2	vs. Oconomowoc
October 9	@ Arrowhead
October 16	vs. Muskego



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Mukwonago Braves Participation Counts



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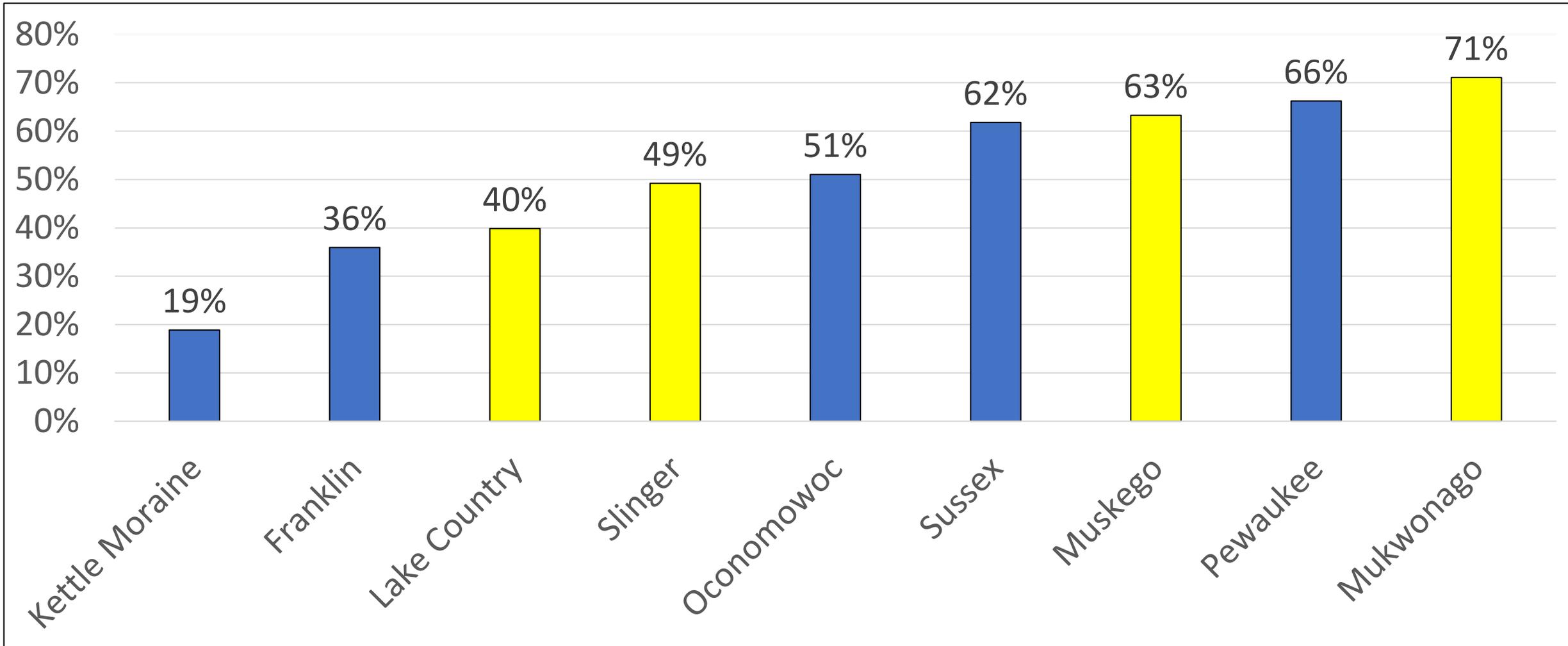
League Affiliation

- Brookfield East
- Brookfield Central
- Cedar Grove-Belgium
- Cedarburg
- Franklin
- Germantown
- Grafton
- Greendale
- Greenfield
- Hamilton
- Hartford
- Journey House
- Kettle Moraine
- Kewaskum
- Lake Country
- Lake Geneva Badger
- Menomonee Falls
- Mequon-Theinsville
- Mukwonago
- Muskego
- New Berlin Ike
- New Berlin West
- Oak Creek
- Oconomowoc
- Pewaukee
- Slinger
- Waukesha North
- Waukesha South
- Wauwatosa West
- West Allis Central
- West Bend
- Whitefish Bay



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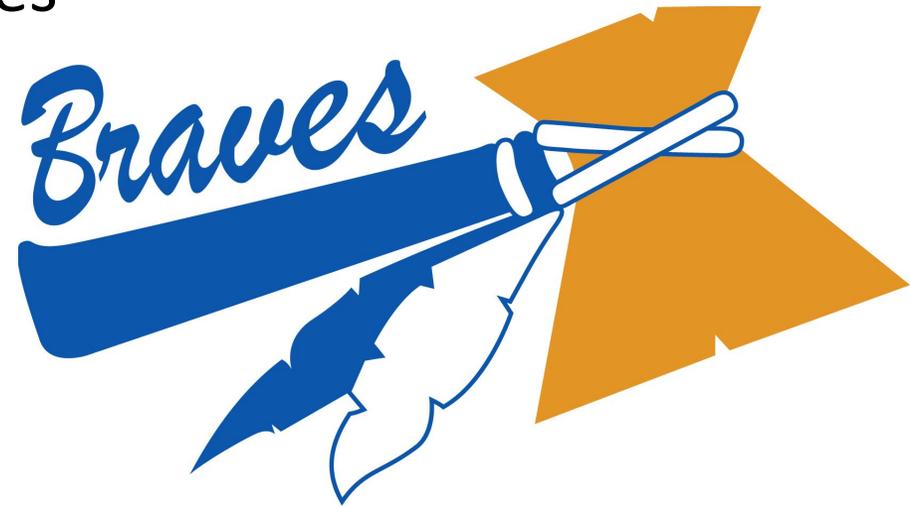
Mukwonago Braves Win Percentage vs. Comparative Peers



Off-Season

High School Athletes

- 100% of athletes lift 4 times per week during school day
- Speed Training
 - Tuesday/Thursday AM for non-varsity in-season athletes
- Open Gyms
 - Monday/Wednesday/Friday after school
- 100% of football players are multi-sport athletes



Off-Season

Braves Open Gyms

- Specialists

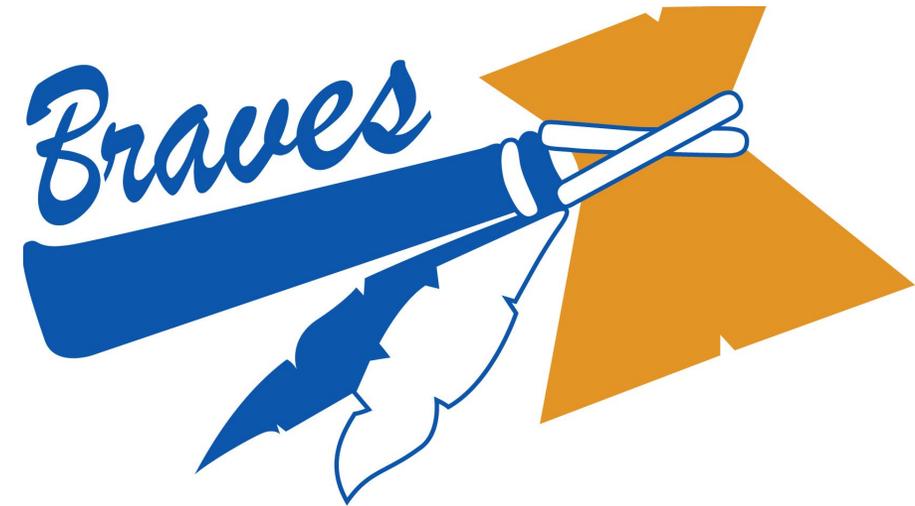
- Long snappers, punters, and kickers
- Monday 5:00 to 6:00 pm
- Starting February 2
- Ends March 23
- Led by Coach Parent

- Offensive Line, Tight Ends, Fullbacks

- Monday 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Starting February 2
- Ends March 23
- Led by Coach Karthausser

- Quarterbacks

- Wednesday 5:00 to 6:30 pm
- Starting February 4
- End March 25
- Led by Coach Jaskulski



Off-Season Middle/Elementary School Athletes

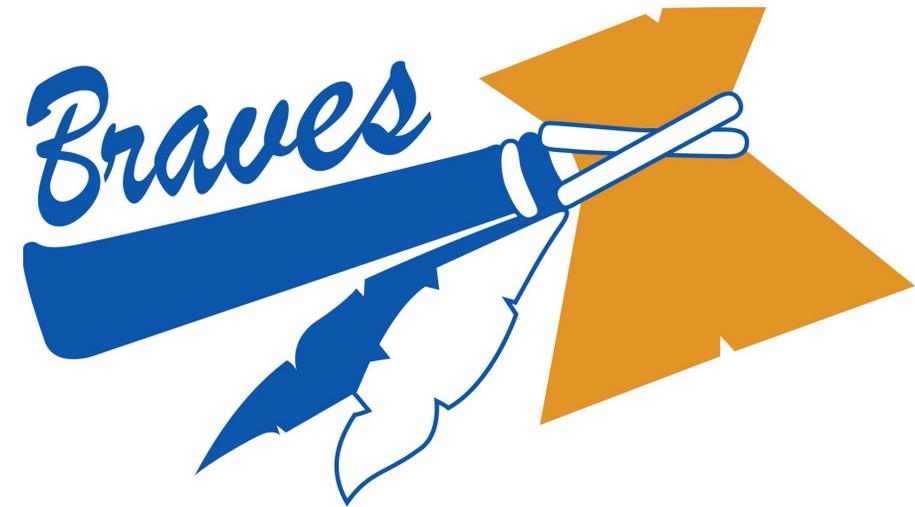
- Lifting
 - Tuesday & Thursday
 - 7th/8th 3:00-4:00 PM
 - 4th/5th/6th 4:00-5:00 PM
 - December through May
- PVMS Track
 - Starts in April
- 95% of current 8th graders football players signed up to play freshmen football in 2026
 - 64 currently signed up
 - A and B schedule



Off-Season

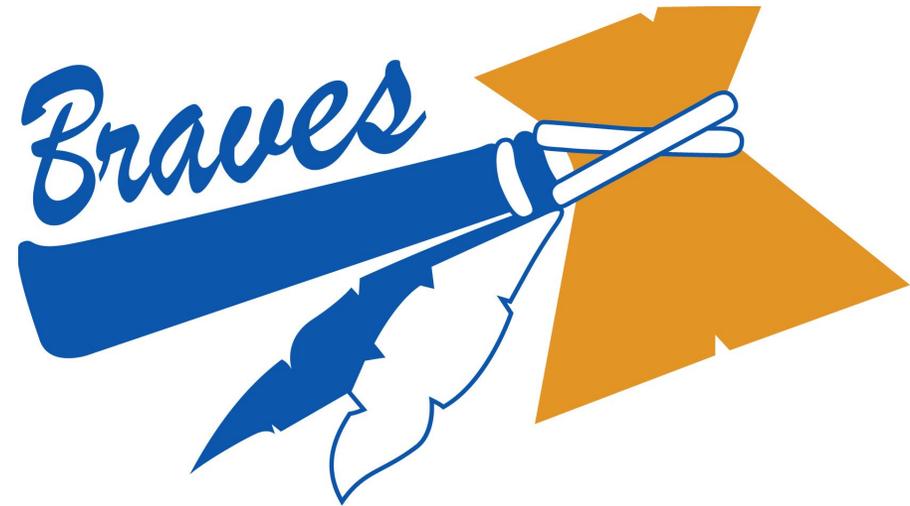
Indian Athletic Performance

- Offered thru MASD summer school
 - Register through Infinite Campus
 - Registration begins early March
- Monday thru Thursday
 - June 15 – 18
 - June 22 – 25
 - June 29 – July 2
 - July 6 – 9
- Incoming 7th and 8th Grade
 - 10:00 am to 10:55 am
- Incoming 5th and 6th Grade
 - 11:00 am to 11:55 am



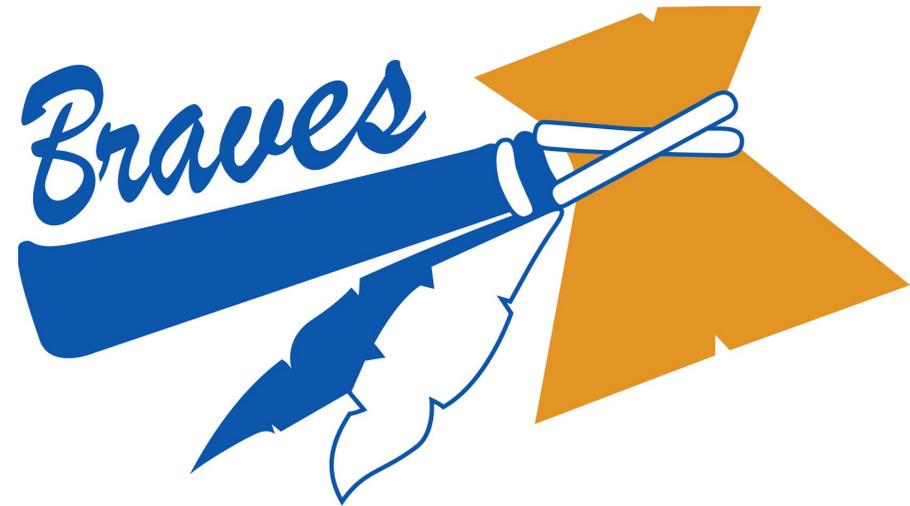
Player Safety and Equipment

- 10.4 concussions per 10,000 exposures (nationwide)
 - 0.104%
- Riddell helmets throughout the program
 - 175 new helmets in 2023
 - 15 additional helmets in 2024
 - 20 additional helmets in 2025
- All helmets reconditioned and crack tested annually
- Correct tackling techniques practiced daily!!



Player Safety

- All Braves coaches pass a background check each year
 - TrustedCoaches.org
 - National Background Check
- Child Safety Training
- Coaches trained in using an AED & administering CPR
- Volunteer medical staff present at practices & games





General Information

2026 Outlook:

- 5th grade: Two teams
- 6th grade: Two teams
- 7th grade: Two teams
- 8th grade: Two teams

Braves follow MHS football program

- Offensive and defensive playbooks
- Verbiage, formations, play calls, etc.
- Offseason coaches' meetings taking place now

Player Expectations

Attend practice

Be on time

Be fully equipped
(knee pads, mouth
guard, etc.)

Work hard &
accept coaching

Watch film

- We can see what you see
- The film doesn't lie

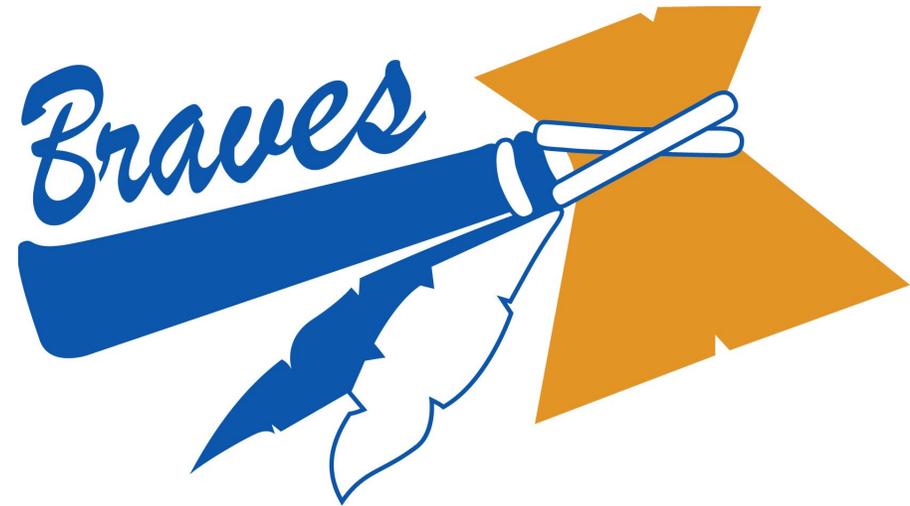
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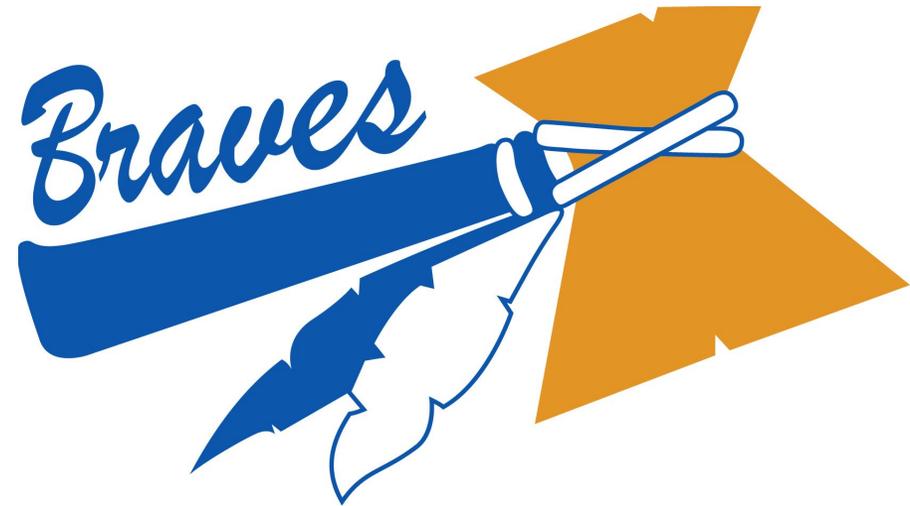
Playing Time – 5th + 6th Grade

- Playing time is dependent upon position and number of players at the position
- **Fair playing time** for players who work hard, accept coaching, and regularly attend practice
- Players will be trained in one offensive and defensive position
- Player development is prioritized over wins and losses
- Teams will be split evenly into two teams by coaches



Playing Time – 7th + 8th Grade

- Players must earn their spot
- More emphasis is placed on winning than at 5th + 6th grade
- Players will play both offense and defense
- **Players who attend practice, try hard, and are coachable will get playing time**
- Siblings will be aligned on either Blue or Gold teams



Playing Time

With a roster of
35 kids...

- 11 will play at a time (~30%)
- 24 will be on the sidelines (~70%)

With a roster of
75 kids

- 11 will play at a time (~15%)
- 64 will be on the sidelines (~85%)

The Braves will progressively prepare Mukwonago football players for their high school experience

5th and 7th Grade Draft

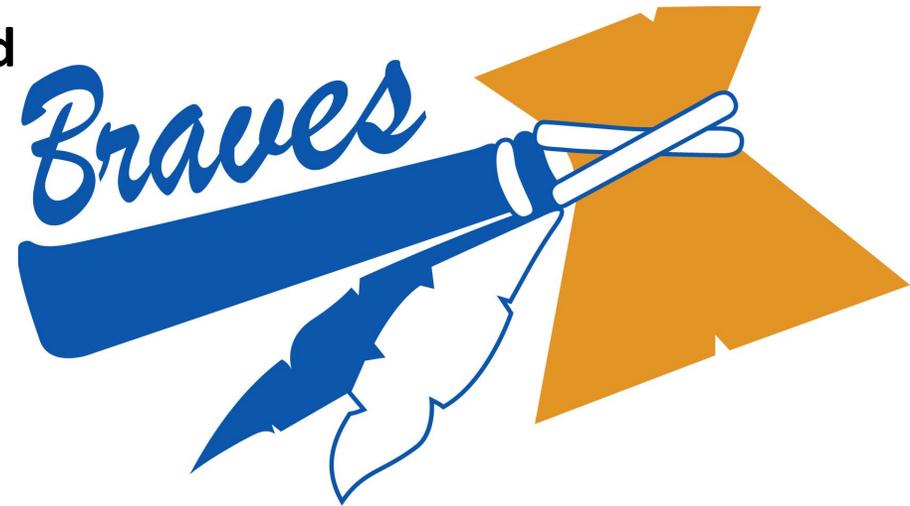
- 5th and 7th grade teams will draft
 - Draft will take place in late July
 - Two even teams will be created
 - Players will start on assigned team initially
 - Rosters finalized in mid-August
 - Requests will not be considered
- 6th and 8th grade teams will largely remain as is in 2026
 - Teams may adjust in mid-August as needed



Parent Expectations

Communication with Coaches

- Abide by 24-hour rule
 - Do not contact coaches during or after a game
 - Do not text coaches during a game
- Follow your chain-of-command
 - Start with your head football coach
 - Request meeting via email
 - Meet face-to-face after practice
 - **Important issues will not be resolved through a keyboard**
- If issue not rectified, contact Tom Karthausser
 - coachkart@gmail.com
 - Group meeting with myself, parents, and head coach



Calendar

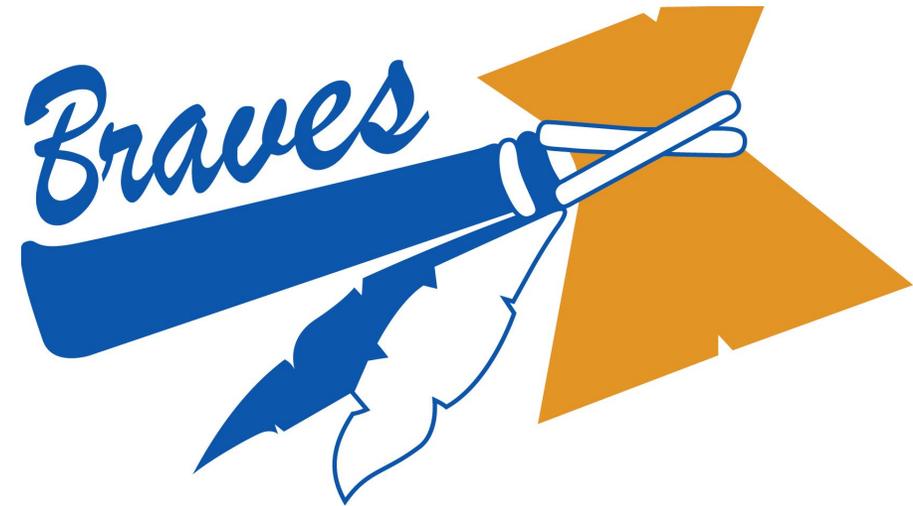
← August 2026 →

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30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Calendar

Family Vacations

- We understand demands of family summer schedules
- We encourage families to prioritize family time
- Suggested family vacation times:
 - Saturday July 18 thru Sunday August 2
 - Friday Sept. 4 through Monday Sept. 7
- Both sides need to exercise reasonable expectations



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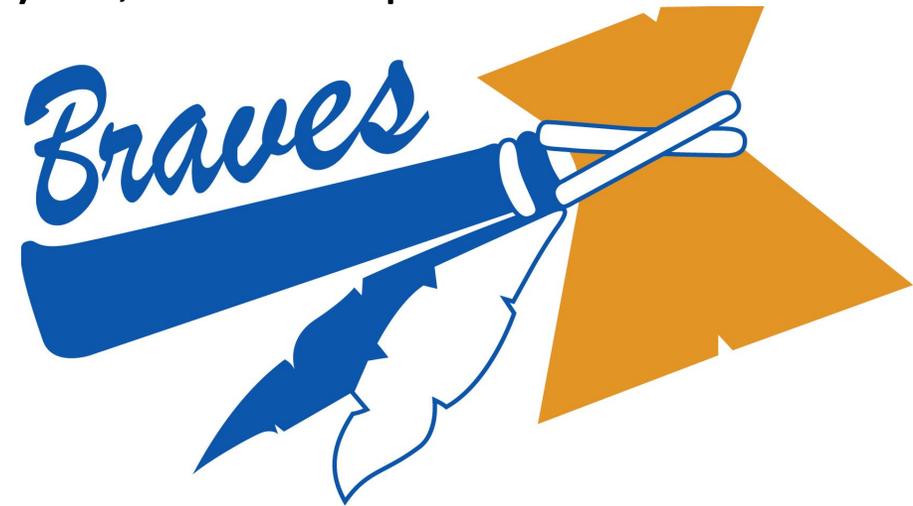
Equipment Hand Out in April/May

What the Braves provide:

- Helmet
- Shoulder Pads
- Knee Pads
- Game Pants
- Game Jerseys
- Practice Jersey
- Mouthguard
- Girdle

What you need to provide:

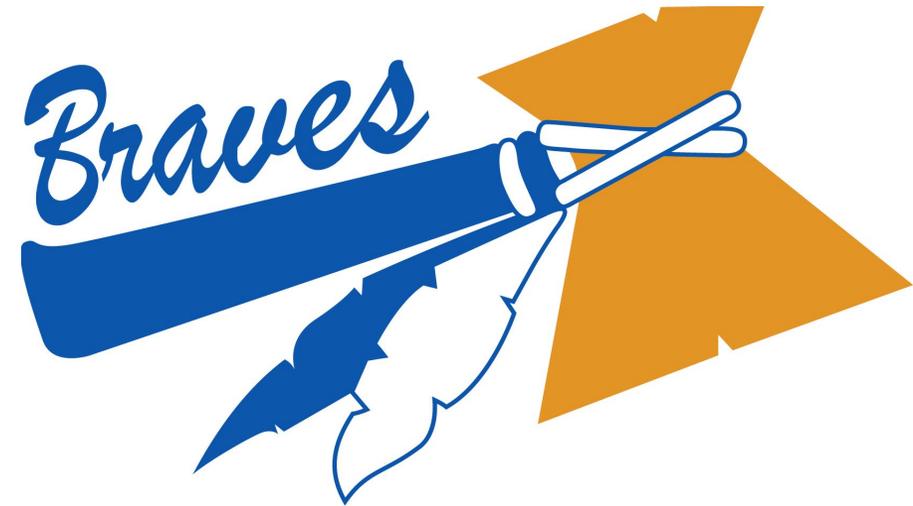
- Water bottle
- Cleats
- Equipment Hand Out
 - Thursday, April 30, 4 pm – 6 pm
 - Monday, May 4, 4 pm – 6 pm
 - Sunday, May 17, 9 am – 1 pm



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Summer Camp in May/June

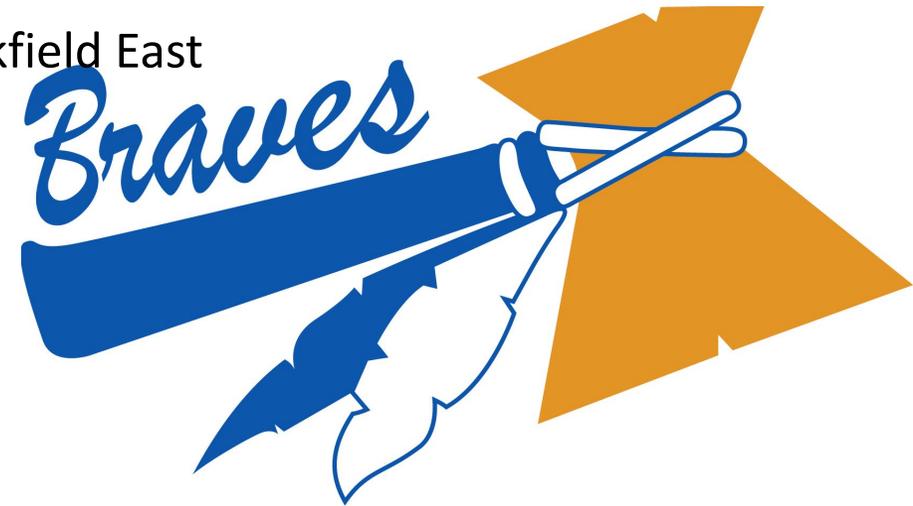
- When:
 - Sunday evenings
 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 - May 31 and June 7, 14, 28
 - MHS Football Stadium
 - Under the lights
- No additional cost
- Led by MHS football coaching staff
- Helmets will be worn at summer camps



Calendar

Month of August

- Season begins Monday August 3
- Practice times
 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm starting 9/22
- Practice days
 - August - Monday thru Thursday
 - School year – Tuesday thru Thursday
- Preseason Scrimmages
 - Saturday August 15 (home)
 - Franklin
 - Oconomowoc
 - Muskego
 - Saturday August 22 (at Kettle Moraine)
 - Kettle Moraine
 - Germantown
 - Brookfield East



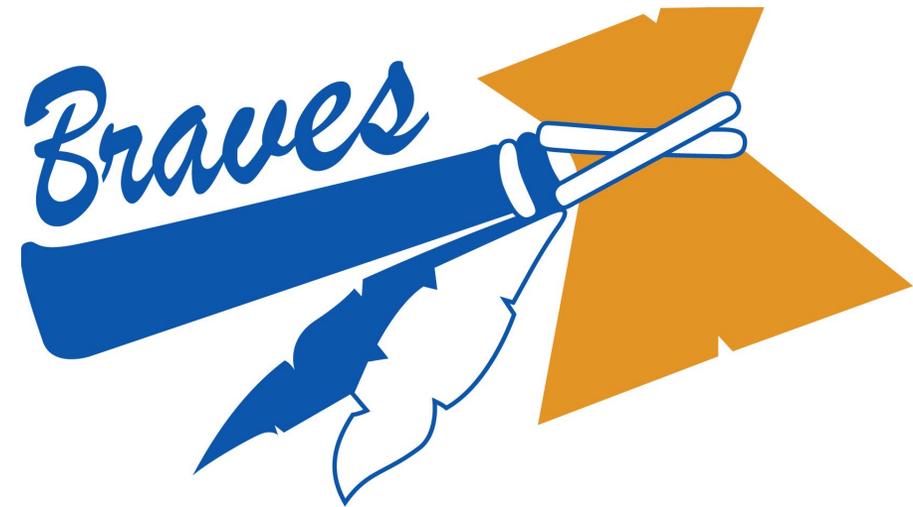
Calendar

Regular Season & Game Day Info

- Regular Season: Eight games
- Game Day: Saturdays
- First Game: August 29

- Morning Kickoff:
 - 8th Grade: 9:00 am
 - 7th Grade: 10:45 am
 - 6th Grade: 12:30 pm
 - 5th Grade: 2:00 pm

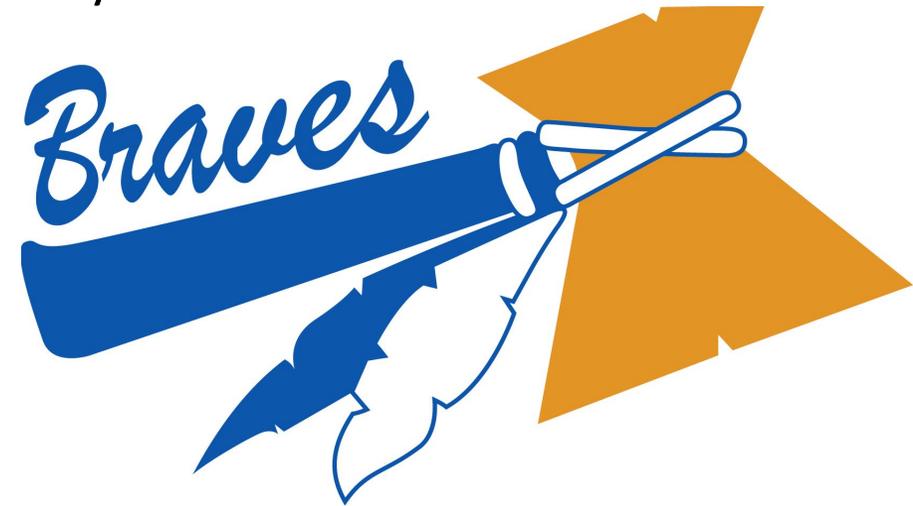
- Evening Kickoff:
 - 5th Grade: 2:30 pm
 - 6th Grade: 4:00 pm
 - 7th Grade: 5:30 pm
 - 8th Grade: 7:00 pm



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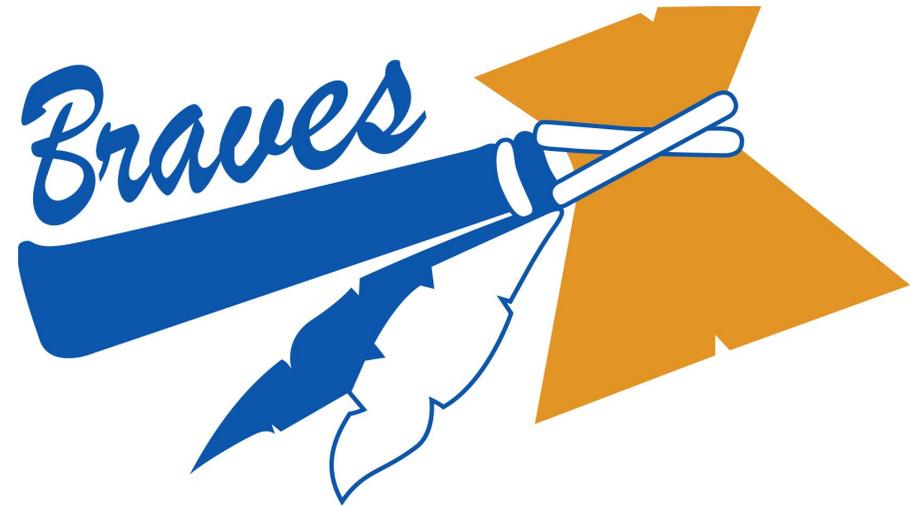
Season & Game Day Info

- Game #1: August 29
- No Game: September 5 (Labor Day)
- Game #2: September 12
- Game #3: September 19
- Game #4: September 26
- Game #5: October 3
- Game #6: October 10
- Game #7: October 17
 - 1st round playoffs for 8th Grade
 - TBD opponents for Grades 5/6/7
- Game #8: October 31
 - 2nd round playoffs for 8th Grade
 - TBD opponents for Grades 5/6/7
- Game #9: October 31
 - 8th Grade only
 - AAYFL Championship Game
 - Must qualify and win Game #7 and #8



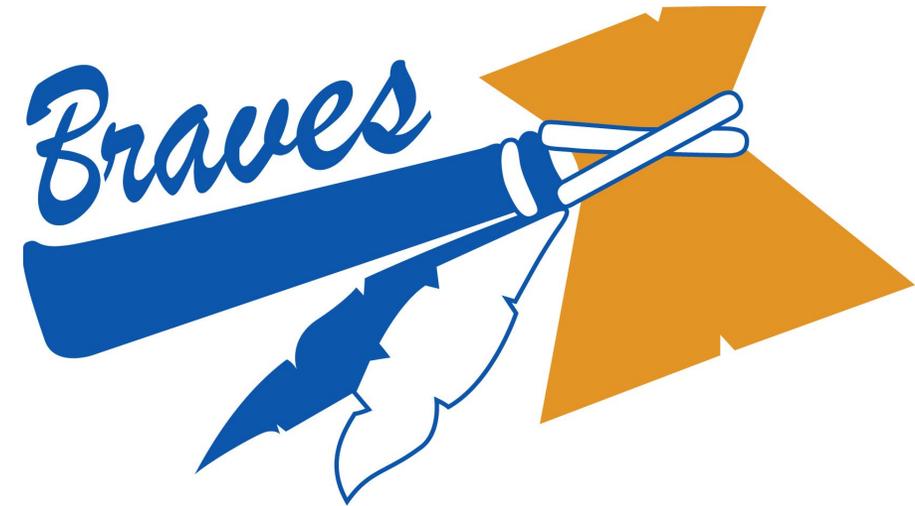
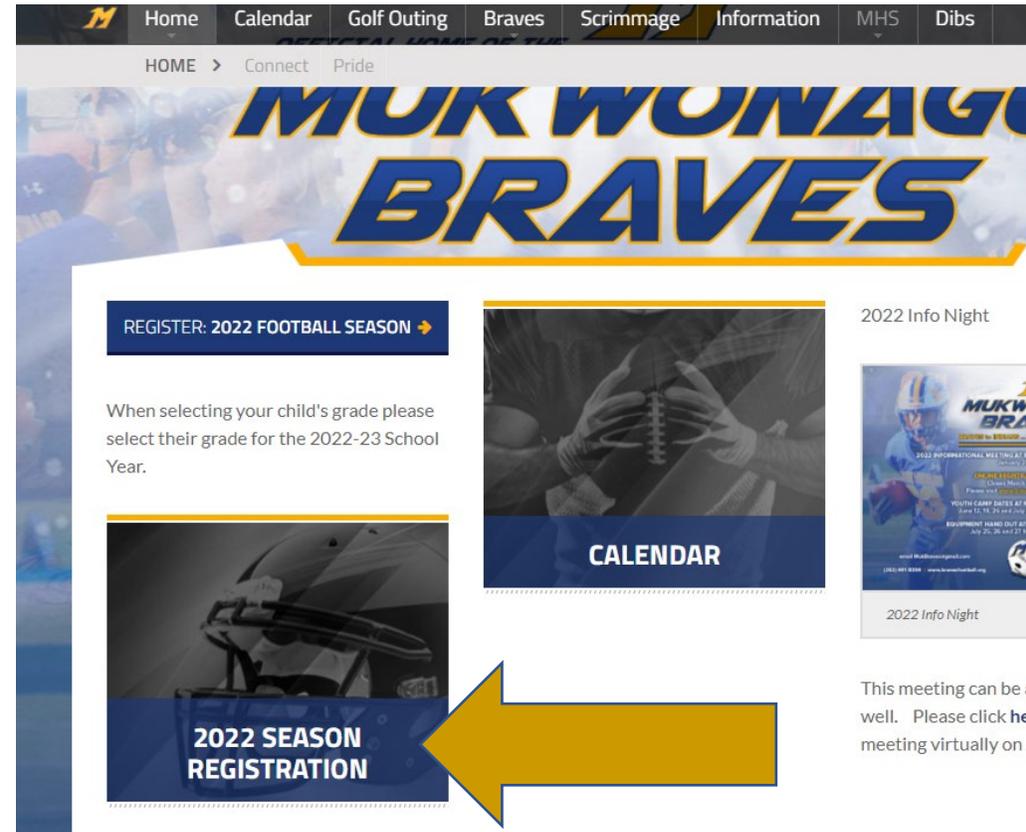
League - AAYFL

- League rule on weight limits for ball carriers:
 - 5th Grade: 100 lbs.
 - 6th Grade: 120 lbs.
 - 7th Grade: 140 lbs.
 - 8th Grade: 160 lbs.



Registration

- www.bravesfootball.org
- Online registration opens early February
- Registration closes March 31st
- Cost:
 - \$350 for single player
 - \$450 family max
- Payment Options:
 - #1) Pay in full immediately
 - #2) Pay in thirds
 - #3) Pay in halves
 - #4) Pay offline



MUKWONAGO

ANCHOR PARTNER **HENSLEER FIELD** **ANCHOR PARTNER**

INDIANS < T.O.L. 3 7:23 3 T.O.L. BEARS

21 DOWN 1 TO GO 10 40 BALL ON 3 QTR 14

Culver's

SCOOPS OF THANKS DAY
Thursday, MAY 5TH

MADRID BEARS **VS** **SOUTH HARDIN TIGERS**

FOUNDING PARTNER **FOUNDING PARTNER** **FOUNDING PARTNER** **FOUNDING PARTNER** **FOUNDING PARTNER**

Fundraising

- Two Options:
 - Sell 15 fantasy football cards, or
 - Buyout for \$225
- Fantasy Football card
 - All players required to sell 15 cards
 - Cards cost \$25 each to the buyer
- Starts August 3rd
- Ends August 24th

We're Looking for Volunteers

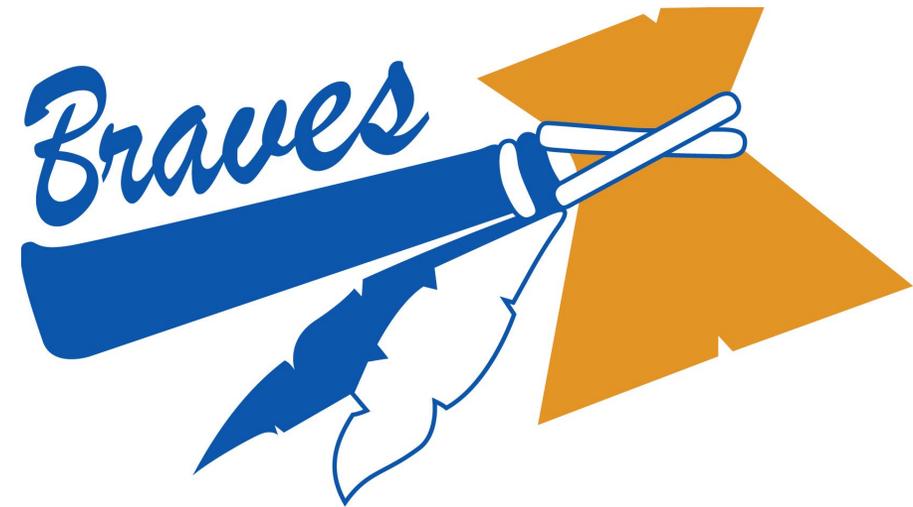
- If interested in volunteering:

- Coaching
- Medical assistant/trainer
- Team mom's for:
 - Spirit wear distribution
 - Golf outing help

- My contact info:

coachkart@gmail.com

414-333-1402



Questions?

